

~~TOP SECRET~~~~SECRET~~

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

8 February 1966

Subject: Amplifying Information Concerning "Present Delivery Capabilities of US/GVN Forces (including B-52)"

25X1A

1. [ ] CIA, has requested information concerning the JCS response to the CIA requirement concerning "The Record and Potential of Air Attacks in Attaining US Objectives in Vietnam."

a. With respect to paragraph 2a, Attack Sorties - December 1965, opposite Air Force, the figure 8,436 includes 307 B-52 sorties.

b. With respect to paragraph 2b, Monthly Average by Target Area - July - December 1965, opposite South Vietnam, the figure 11,871 includes 1,562 B-52 sorties.

2. Sortie capability by B-52s operating out of Guam is presently 420 B-52 sorties per month. This figure is a multiple of the average aircraft possessed (30), times the sorties per aircraft per month (14).

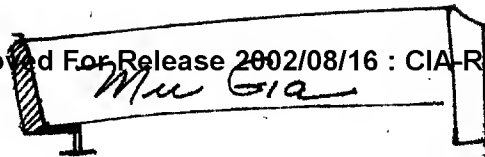
3. The B-52 conventional bomb capacity is currently 51 bombs. Twenty-seven bombs, either 500 lb., 750 lb., or MK59 1,000 lb., can be carried internally. Twenty-four 750 lb. bombs can be externally carried. Between 1 April and 1 May 1966 a B-52 High Density Bomb Bay Modification will be completed to permit a greater bomb carrying capacity. The modification will enable B-52s to carry 27 1,000 lb., 42 750 lb., or 84 500 lb. bombs internally, plus 24 750 lb. bombs externally.

J. R. MCKEE  
Captain, USN  
Pacific Division, J-3

\*USAF Declass/Release Instructions On File\*

~~TOP SECRET~~~~SECRET~~

GROUP 3  
Downgraded at 12 year  
intervals; not  
automatically declassified



we have exam.  
photo of latest as  
annotated +  
conclude  
that...

- 1.) map & blow up
- 2.) picture of latest strike  
w/ annotation
- 3.) Estimated flow of  
normal traffic
- 4.) Effects
- 5.) Repair sources  
they have in the area  
in terms of goods rather  
than an abstract 250
- 6.) how many hours a  
day do they have to have  
it open — how long  
does it take normal daily  
convoy to go through the  
pass
- 7.) Delayed action bombs
- 8.) Risk effect  
vulnerability — is it  
significant

repair in  
houses —  
trucks can  
or  
can not  
get through

10) New Road